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With respect to applicant's argument that Peter does not teach "data for reply independent of the message," has been considered.

In reply: Fig. 5 in the application discloses a message of "Today is fine, isn't it" and data for reply of "I agree," "absolutely." Note that these replies are related upon the original message. The independent between the message and the data for reply is that the message and the data for reply are displayed at a different location of a display. Since Fig. 8, Peter shows that the message and data of reply are displayed at a different location of a display. A user would see the message with the data for reply being covered up and vice versa. Therefore, Peter teaches "data for reply independent of the message."